(d) if not, what action Government propose to take to tap sericulture potentials and promote silk production in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Central Silk Board had conducted a survey in Madhya Pradesh to identify potential districts to implement the World Bank and Swiss assisted National Sericulture Project. Based on the survey the District Bastar of the State had been chosen as the project area on a pilot basis.

The National Sericulture Project is presently under implementation in Bastar Distt. of the State since 1989-90. The project envisages bringing an area of 2000 acres under mulberry cultivation for production of 60 tonnes of raw silk by the end of 5 years project period. The project also envisages creation of necessary basic sericulture infrastructure in the state at a total cost of Rs. 348.57 lakhs.

Besides, in order to supplement the efforts of the State Govt. for development of sericulture in the state, the Central Silk Board has set up a number of R and D, Extension, Training and Basic Seed Production units in the State.

Global Tenders for setting up Duty free Shops at International Airports

*254. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:
SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 305 given in the Rajya Sabha on 25th November, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that duty free shops being run by ITDC are on lease till 1993;

(b) whether the performance of the ITDC run shops has been good and are they also making profits;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for going in for global tenders for setting up duty free shops at International Airports; and

(d) whether the ITDC have been invited to participate in the aforesaid tenders and are they being given the same terms as ther tenderers to further increase their profitability?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The ITDC run Duty Free Shops have earned profits.

(c) Global tenders have been invited by the IAAI for the development of Shopping Plaza in Transit Areas of International Terminal Buildings at Bombay and Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi. This has been done with the objective of upgrading the present shopping complex as well as to enhance the revenues of the IAAI.

(d) The tenders were global and it was open to ITDC to participate in the same. As per tender advertisement, all the parties were to submit their bids on identical terms and conditions.

Export/Import of Silk

*255. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of the export of the Indian silk during the current year upto 31st October, 1991 and how does it compare with the export for the corresponding period last year;

(b) whether Government propose to import raw silk so as to check the

the rise in the prices of domestic raw silk; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Indian silkgood exports during the period April 91 to October 91 amounted to about Rs. 361 crores, which was an increase of 43.3 per cent over the exports of Rs. 252 crores in the corresponding period of the previous year.

(b) and (c) Yes Sir. A proposal to import 200 tonnes of raw silk is under consideration of the Government.

Facilities for Export of Readymade Garments

*256. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the facilities made available to the exporters of readymade garments;

(b) what is the foreign exchange earned by them during the last five years; and

(c) what are the details of negotiation made at the Uruguay Round of talks to further liberalise the trade in textiles and clothing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) A large number of facilities are available for exporters of readymade garments which include:—

(i) EXIM SCRIPS

(ii) Duty Drawback.

(iii) Pre-shipment and Post-shipment Credit.

(iv) Facility to import capital goods at concessional duty.

(v) exemption of export earnings from Income Tax.

(vi) Higher allocation in respect of Non-Quota Exporters Entitlement System and Manufacturer-Exporters Entitlement System under Garment Export Entitlement Distribution Policy.

(vii) Facility to import required items of trimmings and embellishments against EXIM SCRIPS etc.

(b) Exports of garments during the last five years were as given below:—

Year	Rs. in Crores
1986-87	1504
1987-88	2000
1988-89	2278
1989-90	3472
1990-91	4640

(c) The Uruguay Round Negotiations are currently underway in Geneva. Textiles and clothing is one of the sectors covered by the round. In this sector, the objective is to ensure eventual integration of the textiles and clothing sector into GATT.

Fare in Green Line Service of DTC

*257. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether half fare is being charged from children upto twelve years of age by Delhi Transport Corporation in its Green Line service;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government would consider charging half fare from the aged passengers also travelling in Green Line service; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.